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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN MAGAZINE PUBLISHES INTERVIEW WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO
ON FNLA POLITICAL PROGRAM

1. SUMMARY. FNLA PRESIDENT HOLDEN ROBERTO GAVE A LENGTHY INTERVIEW TO AN ANGOLAN REPORTER IN WHICH HE GAVE HIS VIEWS ON OTHER ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, DISCUSSED DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OUTLINED HIS PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT FOR ANGOLA.

2. NOTICIA, AN ANGOLAN WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE, PUBLISHED IN ITS SEPTEMBER 21 EDITION AN INTERVIEW WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO IN WHICH THE FNLA PRESIDENT DISCUSSED CABINDA, US AID TO FNLA, PROBLEMS WITH MPLA AND HIS SOLUTIONS TO ANGOLA'S PROBLEMS.

A) CABINDA: FNLA CONSIDERS CABINDA TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANGOLA AND WILL FIGHT TO KEEP IT. FLEC IS "A SMALL SEPARATIST GROUP."

B) US AID TO FNLA: "THE TRUTH IS THAT FNLA NEVER RECEIVED ANY
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AID FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OR ANY PARA-GOVERNMENTAL

INSTITUTION. IT IS PERFECTLY WELL KNOWN THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SUPPORTERS OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM. I CAN'T COMPREHEND HOW THEY COULD HELP SALAZAR OR CAETANO AND AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORT THE MOST BELLICOSE ANTI-IMPERIALIST MOVEMENT. I ALSO FAIL TO SEE HOW IT IS POSSIBLE TO ASSOCIATE AMERICAN, CHINESE, AND EASTERN EUROPEANS IN AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST CAUSE WHEN THE US IS THE BRAINS OF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES."

C) UNITED FRONT WITH MPLA: FNLA ACCEPTS THE PRINCIPLE OF A UNITED FRONT AS SET FORTH IN THE BUKAVU MEETING IN JULY AND CONSIDERS THAT MPLA LEADERS CHIPENDA AND ANDRADE ALSO ACCEPT IT. ROBERTO PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHY NETO DID NOT FAVOR IT BUT SAID THAT FNLA SHOULD NOT "CONINUE TO SACRIFICE OUR PEOPLE IN AN INTERMINABLE WAR, NOR COMPROMISE THE FUTURE OF ANGOLA BECAUSE OF THOSE THAT STILL THINK THAT THE CONTROL OF A NEW ANGOLA WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM AS A PRIZE BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. A UNITED FRONT WILL BE MADE; IT IS NECESSARY AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NOT BE A FRONT OF INDIVIDUALS, BUT ONE OF THE PEOPLE." HE HOPED MPLA WOULD SOLVE ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS BUT ADDED THAT THE MPLA ITSELF IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE STEPS TAKEN IN LISBON AND LUANDA TO RETARD THE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA.

D) UNITA: "AT THE MOMENT I PREFER TO REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING OF THIS GROUP. THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EVALUATE THEM."

E) ANGOLAN POLITICS: HE STRONGLY REJECTED ANY SUGGESTION THAT FNLA WAS RACIST AND LAMENTED, AT GREAT LENGTH, THE HATRED AND FEAR FELT FOR FNLA BY WHITES AND SOME AFRICANS IN ANGOLA. HE BLAMED THIS ON SALAZARIST PROPAGANDA AND REJECTED THE ACCUSATIONS THAT "FNLA IS A BLOODTHIRSTY MOVEMENT." HE DEFINED AN ANGOLAN AS ANYONE BORN HERE OR WHO LIVES HERE, WHO WILL ACCEPT ANGOLAN SOVEREIGNTY AND WHO WILL GIVE UP HIS FORMER NATIONALITY.

F) ANGOLAN FOREIGN RELATIONS: HE HOPES FOR CLOSE TIES WITH PORTUGAL AND BRAZIL AND ESPECIALLY CLOSE TIES WITH ZAIRE. HE LAMENTS THAT AFRICANS AND ANGOLANS KNOW LITTLE OF ONE ANOTHER, AND SAYS THAT EFFORTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO INCREASE COOPERATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ITS AFRICAN NEIGHBORS TO OVERCOME THIS HANDICAP.

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G) CAPITALIST INVESTMENT: "FNLA WILL PROTECT PRIVATE ENTERPRISES THAT HAVE SOME UTILITY FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE STATE AND FOR THE SOCIAL BETTERMENT OF ANGOLANS." HOWEVER, HE SAID, IN THE CASE OF THE LARGE TRUSTS LIKE DIAMANG, PETROANGOL, MINEIRA DO LIBITO, FNLA WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND DECIDE WHAT COURSE TO TAKE.

H) MILITARY MATTERS: THE NEW ANGOLAN ARMY WILL BE AN OUTGROWTH OF

FNLA FORCES, WHO ARE WELL TRAINED AND READY FOR THIS ROLE. FLECHAS AND OTHER AFRICAN TROOPS SERVING WITH THE PORTUGUESE WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE ANGOLAN ARMY. THE KATANGA GENDARMES WHO HAVE INTEGRATED THEMSELVES INTO ANGOLAN SOCIETY CAN REMAIN IN ANGOLA. THOSE STILL UNDER ARMS WILL BE DISARMED AND THOSE WHO WISH TO RETURN TO ZAIRE MAY DO SO.

I) THE "FOURTH FORCE" (OR FUA OF FERNANDO FALCAO): IT "CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO PEACE AND ORDER IN ANGOLA." THOSE THAT ARE MEMBERS OF IT SHOULD INSTEAD JOIN THE ALREADY EXISTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. AS A GESTURE OF GOOD FAITH, ROBERTO TOLD THE NOTICIA REPORTER, JAIME MOREIRA, THAT HE WOULD RELEASE TO HIM TWO PORTUGUESE PRISONERS DURING MOREIRA'S NEXT TRIP TO ZAIRE, SCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER. HE ALLOWED THE REPORTER TO INTERVIEW THE TWO PRISONERS, WHO SAID THEY WERE BEING WELL TREATED.

4. THE FNLA PROGRAM PUBLISHED IN "NOTICIAS" FOLLOWS:

1. AGRICULTURE:

A) NATIONALIZATION OF THE LAND AND THE SUB-SOIL.

B) LIQUIDATION OF ALL FORMS OF PRE-CAPITALIST PRODUCTION.

C) NATIONALIZATION OF CONCESSIONARY LAND COMPANIES.

D) REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND TO FARM WORKERS, WITH PREFERENCE GIVEN TO STATE RUN AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVES.

E) ORGANIZATION OF COLLECTIVES.

F) RELAXATION OF ECONOMIC CONTROLS ON SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE
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PRODUCERS.

G) EXPLOITATION BY THE STATE OF UNPRODUCTIVE LAND.

H) DIVERSIFICATION AND MECHANIZATION OF ARMS.

I) A NEW COLLECTIVE MARKETING SYSTEM FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

J) INCREASE ARABLE LAND BY IRRIGATION, PRINCIPALLY IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.

II. INDUSTRY AND FINANCE:

A) CONTROL BY THE STATE OF LARGE INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS AND NATIONAL-
IZATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES.

B) STATE CONTROL OR PARTICIPATION IN MINING ENTERPRISES.

C) STATE CONTROL OF ALL BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES.

D) NATIONALIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND IMPROVEMENT IN ROAD SYSTEMS.

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E) CENTRAL ECONOMIC PLANNING.

F) DEVELOPMENT OF CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES AND CREATION OF HEAVY INDUSTRY.

G) CREATION OF NATIONAL CURRENCY, CENTRAL BANK AND CREDIT ORGANIZATION.

III. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS:

A) CREATION OF A SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC, SAFEGUARDING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANGOLA "IN ITS PRESENT GEOGRAPHIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE FORM."

B) COMPLETE REFORM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS.

C) FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT.

D) INTEGRATION OF FNLA COMBAT VETERANS INTO THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRY.

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E) URBAN REFORM AND IMPROVED HOUSING FOR ALL WORKERS.

F) PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENTS.

G) INSTITUTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM.

H) ABOLITION OF RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY LAWS.

I) PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

IV. CULTURE:

A) SCHOOL REFORM.

B) FREE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

C) INTENSIVE EDUCATION OF THE MASSES AND USE OF NATIVE LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS.

D) IMPROVEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

E) DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF ARTISTIC WORK AND A FREE PRESS.

F) EXTENSIVE TEACHING OF AGRICULTURE AND OF THE REVOLUTION TO FARMERS AND WORKERS.

V. FOREIGN POLICY:

A) "SOLIDARITY WITH ALL PEOPLE WHO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, LIBERTY AND THEIR RIGHTS."

B) "COOPERATION WITH ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, BASED ON A MUTUAL RESPECT OF THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF EACH."

C) "COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPALS OF THE THE CHARTER OF THE UN AND THE OAU."

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